

In Recognition of the contribution of the Irish people to Canada.

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1. On July 23rd 2009 Mr. Brendan Flynn, Mr. Al McCabe and Mr. Jim Carney met with the Vancouver Parks Board. A copy of the latest design was presented to Parks Board representatives Ms. Liane McKenna and Ms. Jill Weaving. Various aspects of the design AND APPROVAL PROCESS were reviewed and the committee now looks forward to a full presentation of the design to the City of Vancouver's PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE on Sept 14th at Vancouver City Hall.

The following statements were included in the submission documentation to the Vancouver Parks Board:

"the Irish are a very proud tribe of people. We take huge pride in the fact that, as a small island country with a tiny population, we have contributed - and continue to so - to the progress and success of other more powerful nations! We are proud of our history, heritage and our sense of culture.....and particularly, of our Nobel Prize winners in Literature.....and Peace. In short, Ireland and the Irish are pleased to GIVE to the world.....it is through our contribution over the centuries that we have gained our good and positive reputation. So, what's in it for us? A tremendous sense of pride that we have....in some small way ...contributed to the success of Canada as a Nation!"

Eddie Reynolds Dublin

Ireland Monument Committee July 2009.

The Ireland Monument – Canada celebrates the history and contribution of the Irish in Canada over three centuries. That contribution remains significant today. The committee acknowledges the innumerable and varied memorials to the Irish in Eastern and Atlantic Canada, notably at Ireland Park in Toronto, Grosse Isle near Quebec City, Partridge Island in Saint John as well as others across those provinces - including the many Celtic Crosses and the myriad of memorials on the other side of our vast land.

It is our hope that those memorials on Canada's Eastern shores will be complimented by The Ireland Monument – Canada on her Western shores.

The Irish have helped in the building of Canada and in that respect, the Ireland Monument – Canada will demonstrate this to all Canadians and visitors from near and far.

2. The committee continues to seek names for inclusion on Side 3. The requirements are twofold:
  - a. the Named person has made a major contribution to Canada
  - b. the Named person is Irish and / or one of his or her forebears was born on the island of Ireland.The Political affiliation and / or Religious beliefs of any Name is not considered. Contributions to the Irish community within Canada are not considered.

Sixty two names have been selected for Side 3. Thirty six names are under consideration to complete the one hundred. ALL NAMES will be reviewed for inclusion prior to construction.

**The Ireland Monument – Canada - Organization Committee – Vancouver, B.C.**

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